



# ***Brown v. Board of Education Symposium: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow***

**MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004**

**SACRAMENTO CONVENTION CENTER**



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EDUCATION DIVISION/CENTER FOR  
JUDICIAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

*In 1954, the United States Supreme Court, in Oliver Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, ended the legal basis for school segregation in this country. May 17, 2004, will be the 50th anniversary of that decision, which is among our most significant judicial rulings. To mark the anniversary of the Brown decision, California court personnel, judges, administrators, members of the State Bar, and the community are invited to participate in this one-day statewide symposium on Brown v. Board of Education on Monday, May 17, 2004, in Sacramento, California.*

*In 1953, Earl Warren, former two-term governor of California, was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, and, as a relatively new justice and Chief Justice, was able to help a divided court reach a unanimous decision in Brown.*

*During this symposium, participants will attend plenary substantive sessions on "Brown Through a Historical Lens," "Brown in Contemporary America" and "Brown in the Future: What Will Be the Legacy of Brown at 50 Years?" Following the symposium, conferees are invited to attend the Sacramento County Bar-sponsored reception in the Library Courts II, Fragrance Garden.*

*Please notify your presiding judge, court manager, or supervisor promptly if you plan to attend. In addition, please complete and submit the online registration form by **Wednesday, April 28**. You must register by the deadline date in order to attend the symposium and/or luncheon. We hope you will join us for this educational program.*

## MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004

7:30–8:30 a.m.

### REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30–8:45 a.m.

### WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

8:45–10:15 a.m.

### BROWN THROUGH A HISTORICAL LENS

This session will revisit the decisions in *Brown v. Board of Education* and *Mendez v. California* and the role of lawyers in these decisions. Additionally, it will examine the decision through the eyes of children who first integrated the school system.

10:20–11:50 a.m.

### BROWN IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICA

In today's multiracial society where race is no longer defined in terms of black and white, this session explores three questions:

- What is an integrated school in a multiracial society?
- What is the legacy of *Brown* in the quest for quality education?
- What is the broader legacy of *Brown* beyond education and our borders?

12:00–1:45 p.m.

### LUNCHEON

*Hon. Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of California*  
*Mr. Juan Williams, Fox News and National Public Radio (NPR) Senior Correspondent*

2:00–2:45 p.m.

### REVISITING BROWN v. BOARD

A riveting multimedia presentation on the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision.

2:45–4:15 p.m.

### BROWN IN THE FUTURE: WHAT WILL BE THE LEGACY OF BROWN AT 50 YEARS?

This plenary session explores what must happen today to achieve equity before the end of the first quarter of the 21st century.

4:15 p.m.

### ADJOURN

5:00–7:00 p.m.

### SACRAMENTO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION RECEPTION

Library Courts II, Fragrance Garden

## SYMPOSIUM LOCATION

Sacramento Convention Center  
Third Floor Ballroom  
1400 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
916-808-5291

## MCLE

We certify that this program will qualify for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credits by the State Bar of California in the amount of 6 hours. MCLE forms will be available at the end of the program. You must attend the entire symposium to receive MCLE credit.

## REGISTERING

You must register online for the Brown v. Board of Education Symposium, by Wednesday, May 5. The registration link can be found at [www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/cjer](http://www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/cjer). Once the online registration form has been completed, your registration will be confirmed via an e-mail message. If applicable, the e-mail will display a total amount due, and an address to send payment.

You will have three options when you register:

- Attend the entire symposium. Continental breakfast, lunch, afternoon refreshment break, and symposium materials will be provided for symposium participants.
- Attend the luncheon only. Individuals who register for the luncheon only will need to check in at the registration booth prior to the 12:00 noon luncheon and will be asked to depart at 1:45 p.m. Luncheon-only participants will not receive symposium materials.
- Attend the plenary sessions only. Continental breakfast, afternoon break, and symposium materials will be included in your registration. Plenary-session-only participants should arrive before 8:30 a.m., get lunch on their own between 12 noon and 1:45 p.m., and stay through the end of the symposium.

If you have difficulty with the online registration system, please contact Kelly Cameron at [kelly.cameron@jud.ca.gov](mailto:kelly.cameron@jud.ca.gov) or at 415-865-7804.

## MEALS

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) will pay directly for group meals for participants from the superior courts, Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court, and the AOC. These procedures apply to assigned judges only if the AOC's Assigned Judges Program approves state funding before the program.

Participants from other agencies and organizations are invited to attend but will be responsible for the costs of their group meals on May 17. The cost for attending the entire symposium is \$50. The cost for attending only the luncheon is \$28. The cost for attending only the plenary sessions (no luncheon) is \$22. There is no discounted "student rate" for this program. Payments must be made by check and received before the start of the symposium. Checks should be payable to the State of California. Please add the participant's name and "Brown v. Board" on the memo line of your check. Send the checks to the address provided in the registration confirmation you will receive upon completion of the online registration form.

## HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS

Sheraton Grand Hotel  
1230 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
916-447-1700

A block of rooms has been reserved for program participants at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento. Each participant is responsible for making his or her own hotel reservations. The hotel reservation deadline is **Friday, April 16**. To receive the special conference rate of \$129 per night, single or double occupancy, mention that you are with the "Judicial Council." Because the number of rooms is limited, make your reservations early.

The AOC will pay the hotel directly for sleeping rooms for participants from the superior courts, Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court whose home and court are each more than 25 miles from the Sacramento Convention Center. These participants do not need to pay their lodging costs and seek reimbursement from their courts. But they must still make their own lodging reservations by the hotel reservation deadline and will be responsible for any cancellation charges and incidental expenses.

Participants from other agencies and organizations are responsible for their own lodging costs.

### **TRAVEL**

There are limited scholarships available for participant travel. You may contact Katie Gutierrez, program coordinator, at 415-865-7343 or [katie.gutierrez@jud.ca.gov](mailto:katie.gutierrez@jud.ca.gov) to see if you qualify for a scholarship.

### **CANCELLATION**

If you are unable to attend the symposium, please cancel in writing by Friday, May 7, 2004. Fax your cancellation to 415-865-4335, attention Kelly Cameron.

Because hotel food and beverage costs are guaranteed, you may be charged for these expenses if you cancel after May 7.

### **ACCESSIBILITY**

The Judicial Council of California supports the Americans With Disabilities Act, which promotes public accessibility for persons with disabilities. If you require special equipment or services, please contact Kelly Cameron, program secretary, at 415-865-7804.

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